

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

- 1 1. A method for centralizing a supply chain management framework, comprising:
 - 2 a) registering a plurality of distributors of a supply chain;
 - 3 b) assigning distribution management rights to a supply chain manager;
 - 4 c) receiving data from a plurality of outlets of the supply chain utilizing a network,
 - 5 the data relating to the sale of products by the outlets; and
 - 6 d) managing the use of the data during the distribution of products to the outlets by
 - 7 the distributors, wherein the managing is handled by the supply chain manager.
- 1 2. The method of claim 1, wherein the assignment is capable of being terminated
 - 2 based on gross negligence on the part of the supply chain manager.
- 1 3. The method of claim 1, wherein the distributors are registered utilizing the
 - 2 network.
- 1 4. The method of claim 1, wherein the managing includes determining an amount of
 - 2 the products to be distributed to the outlets.
- 1 5. The method of claim 1, wherein the managing includes determining a timing of
 - 2 distribution of the products to be distributed to the outlets.
- 1 6. The method of claim 1, wherein the managing includes the selection of the
 - 2 distributors to distribute products to the outlets.
- 1 7. A system for centralizing a supply chain management framework, comprising:
 - 2 a) logic for registering a plurality of distributors of a supply chain;
 - 3 b) logic for assigning distribution management rights to a supply chain manager;

- 4 c) logic for receiving data from a plurality of outlets of the supply chain utilizing a
- 5 network, the data relating to the sale of products by the outlets; and
- 6 d) logic for managing the use of the data during the distribution of products to the
- 7 outlets by the distributors, wherein the managing is handled by the supply chain
- 8 manager.

1 8. The system of claim 7, wherein the assignment is capable of being terminated

2 based on gross negligence on the part of the supply chain manager.

1 9. The system of claim 7, wherein the distributors are registered utilizing the

2 network.

1 10. The system of claim 7, wherein the managing includes determining an amount of

2 the products to be distributed to the outlets.

1 11. The system of claim 7, wherein the managing includes determining a timing of

2 distribution of the products to be distributed to the outlets.

1 12. The system of claim 7, wherein the managing includes the selection of the

2 distributors to distribute products to the outlets.

1 13. A computer program product for centralizing a supply chain management

2 framework, comprising:

- 3 a) computer code for registering a plurality of distributors of a supply chain;
- 4 b) computer code for assigning distribution management rights to a supply chain
- 5 manager;
- 6 c) computer code for receiving data from a plurality of outlets of the supply chain
- 7 utilizing a network, the data relating to the sale of products by the outlets; and
- 8 d) computer code for managing the use of the data during the distribution of
- 9 products to the outlets by the distributors, wherein the managing is handled by the
- 10 supply chain manager.

1 14. The computer program product of claim 13, wherein the assignment is capable of
2 being terminated based on gross negligence on the part of the supply chain
3 manager.

1 15. The computer program product of claim 13, wherein the distributors are registered
2 utilizing the network.

1 16. The computer program product of claim 13, wherein the managing includes
2 determining an amount of the products to be distributed to the outlets.

1 17. The computer program product of claim 13, wherein the managing includes
2 determining a timing of distribution of the products to be distributed to the outlets.

1 18. The computer program product of claim 13, wherein the managing includes the
2 selection of the distributors to distribute products to the outlets.